the sports infrastructure development will be done by the States. I may cite one example. In Nagaland, it took them 15 years to complete Indira Gandhi Stadium. So, this can be done only by the State and the Central assistance. So, where we need to pay special attention to sports infrastructure, that would be possible only by hundred per cent grant from Central Government. Can Central Government restore old system and grant hunded per cent assistance to improve sports infrastructure?

SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: Sir, I have noted his suggestion.

श्री राम नारायण साहू: माननीय सभापति महोदय, क्या माननीय मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि पूर्वोत्तर राज्यों के अलावा देश के कौन-कौन से राज्य या क्षेत्र खेल पोटेंशियल हेतु चिन्हित किए गए हैं? और, क्या उनमें उत्तर प्रदेश का कोई क्षेत्र सम्मिलित है?

श्री मणि शंकर अय्यर: सभापति जी, इसमें कोई शक नहीं है कि देश के हर कोने में हमें ऐसे लड़के-लड़कियां मिल सकते हैं, जो कि देश की शान बढ़ा सकें और उत्तर प्रदेश उसमें शामिल है। हमारे जो कार्यक्रम हैं, वे उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य में भी चलते आ रहे हैं और यदि इस सिलसिले में माननीय सदस्य के कुछ खास सुझाव हों, तो उनकी अपेक्षा में मैं बैठा हूं।

Telecast of Achievements in S&T

*266. SHRI DARA SINGH:

SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:††

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his ministry has tied up with National Geographic Channel to produce and telecast a range of programmes showing the achievements made in different disciplines of science and technology in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the length of films proposed to be produced;

(d) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and

(e) the time by which the said films are likely to be telecast?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The basic purpose of the proposed year-long campaign is to educate and inform the general public about the great work done by national research and development institutes and laboratories across India by showcasing the most innovative and path-breaking trends in the field of science & technology.

†† The question was actually asked by Shri Abu Asim Azmi on the floor of the House.

(c) The length of the films proposed to be produced are as under:

Film	No.	Duration	No. of Airings
Science Safari Film	01	45 min.	12(Four in first month and one per month for next 8 months)
Science Safari Short Films	15	45 sec.	550
Science Safari programming Stunt on Nat Geo	06	30 sec.	252
Nat Geo created vignettes highlighting Innovation Initiatives across India	03	30 sec.	150
Factoids on Indian Scientists	06	30 sec.	200

(d) Expenditure towards production of films: Rs. 1,14,15,570/-

Expenditure towards airing and promotion of films: Rs. 1,02,01,550/-

(e) The first film is expected to be aired by the end of May, 2006.

श्री अबू आसिम आज़मी: सभापति जी, मंत्री जी का डिटेल में मुझे जवाब मिल गया है। आपके माध्यम से मंत्री जी से मेरा सप्लीमेंटरी क्वैश्चन है कि आज भूकंप से दुनिया में बहुत बड़ी तबाही मची हुई है।

श्री सभापति: आज?

श्री अबू आसिम आज़मी: सर, आज के जमाने में, आज नहीं। सर, इतनी बड़ी तबाही भूकंप से हुई है, यह भूकंप गुजरात में हुआ, सुनामी हुआ, इसलिए मैं मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूं कि देश की जनता की जानकारी के लिए क्या कोई ऐसा कार्यक्रम मंत्री जी भी बना रहे हैं कि भूकंप के ताल्लुक से आम जनता को जानकारी हो जाए ताकि उस तबाही से बचने के लिए जनता पहले से कुछ प्रीकॉशन्स ले ले? क्या ऐसा कोई कार्यक्रम मंत्री जी बना रहे हैं या नहीं? यदि नहीं बना रहे हैं, तो क्यों नहीं? यदि हां, तो उसका डिटेल क्या है?

شری ابو عاصم اعظمی : سبھاپتی جی، منتری جی کا ڈیٹیل میں مجھے جواب مل گیا ہے۔ آپ کے مادھیم سے منتری جی سے میرا سپلیمنٹری کوئچن یہ ہے کہ آج بھوکمپ سے دنیا میں بہت بڑی تباہی مچی ہوئی ہے۔

شری اُپ سبھاپتی : آج؟

شری ابو عاصم اعظمی : سر، آج کے زمانے میں، آج نہیں۔ سر، اتنی بڑی تباہی بھوکمپ سے ہوئی ہے، وہ بھوکمپ گجرات

†[ ]Transliteration of Urdu Script.

میں ہوا، سنامی ہوا، اس لئے میں منتری جی سے جاننا چاہتا ہوں کہ دیش کی جنتا کی جانکاری کے لئے کیا کوئی ایسا کارے کرم منتری جی بھی بنا رہے ہیں کہ بھلکپ کے تعلق سے عام جنتا کو جانکاری ہو جائے تا کہ اس تباہی سے بچنے کے لئے جنتا پہلے سے کچھ پریکشنس لے لے؟ کیا ایسا کوئی کارے کرم منتری جی بنا رہے ہیں یا نہیں؟ اگر نہیں بنا رہے ہیں، تو کیوں نہیں؟ اگر ہاں، تو اس کا ڈیٹیل کیا ہے؟

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Mr. Chairman, Sir, really, this supplementary has nothing to do with the question. The question relates to the National Geographic Programme that we are going to showcase on National Geographic and on Doordarshan. As far as the question of earthquakes is concerned effort is being made in the Ministry through micro-zonation and enabling information in to communicate the risk of earthquakes to the public at large, through technology. But, I think, that is entirely a different question.

SHRIMATI SHOBHNA BHARTIA: Sir, I would like to compliment hon. Minister. It is a very good move to showcase and educate general public about the work being done in the field of national research and development. But, as the Minister talks about educating the general public. I would like to say that one of them is a science safary film, the other seem to be commercials because the time duration is about 30 seconds. Has he considered trying to air them on other channels which have wider reach? Because if it is good work being done by India, it should have a wider reach and National Geographic, I am afraid, will not give the kind of reach we are looking for. Should he not try to air it on other channels as well?

श्री सभापति: आज़मी जी, आप सेकेंड सप्लीमेंटरी क्वैश्चन करेंगे?

श्री अबू आसिम आज़मी: जी नहीं, सर।

شری ابو عاصم اعظمی : جی نہیں، سر۔

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I think the hon. Member has asked a very pertinent question. Sir, in fact, when we negotiated with National Geographic, I had three things in mind. Firstly, the copyright of this must belong to the Ministry of Science and Technology and not to National Geographic. Secondly, that Ministry of Science and Technology should have a special logo which should be shown on the channel along

† [ ] Transliteration of Urdu Script.

with the logo of National Geographic. And, thirdly, we should be able to air these programmes on Doordarshan and on all regional channels in regional languages. I must say that National Geographic accepted all these three conditions.

Now, we have a programme on National Geographic, which can be aired immediately after it, on Doordarshan as well as all regional channels. Not only that, I have made sure that there will be CDs made out of it, DVDs made out of it in thousands and they will be sent to each school so that children in schools can see these programmes on television. We reach school children, which is the central to this enterprise.

Sir, the hon. Member raised a very pertinent point and we were aware of it. Sir, the reason as to why we went to National Geographic is because National Geographic is a global brand, National Geographic produces excellent science programmes, which no other channel produces, and, National Geographic shows no advertisements. So, what we are doing is; we are giving the material, we are paying for the programme but we have the copyright and we can use it in any manner we like. Sir, National Geographic has its reach not only in India but in South Asia and the Middle East also. So, the reach is much larger, through the TRP is only 1.8 considering that it has about 9 million viewers.

SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIYA: Will they be sent to schools as well?

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Sir, I have already answered this question.

Legislation to regulate MPLADS

*267. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enact a legislation to regulate Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme in view of the discovery of certain corrupt practices being resorted to; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) and (b) The reply is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) No Sir. Government do not intend to enact legislation to regulate Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme.